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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY MINISTER OF  
CULTURE AND INFORMATION DECEMBER 9:

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION  
(KIM SEONG JIN)

QUOTE THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY DEMANDED THAT THE  
AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE UNITED STATES CLARIFY IN PUBLIC  
WHETHER OR NOT UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS DID INDEED BUG  
THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE OF KOREA, A SOVEREIGN STATE AND  
AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE FAILURE BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE TO PROVIDE A  
CONVINCING CLARIFICATION IN PUBLIC HAS GIVEN RISE TO CONTINUED  
SPECULATIONS AND DISTORTIONS WHICH ARE QUITE DETRIMENTAL TO  
THE INTEREST OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED  
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STATES. THEREFORE IF AN EARLY PUBLIC CLARIFICATION IS NOT

FORTHCOMING FROM THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES CONCERNED,  
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE OBLIGED TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION  
BY UNDERTAKING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPORTED  
BUGGING.

IF AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION IT BE ESTABLISHED THAT  
THE UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED SUCH UNLAWFUL ACTS,  
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

SUCH ACTS, IF COMMITTED, WOULD NOT ONLY CAST DOUBT ON THE  
AMERICAN MORALITY BUT ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE FRIENDLY  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED  
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